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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATORS DEMOLISH USIS OFFICE IN BENIN.

1. USIS NIGERIAN EMPLOYEE IN BENIN HAS TELEPHONED USIS LAGOS TO ADVISE THAT CROWD OF 250 STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF BENIN ATTACKED AND COMPLETELY DESTROYED USIS OFFICE THAT CITY AT APPROXIMATELY 1130 HOURS THIS MORNING. OFFICE WAS CLOSED AT THE TIME.

2. NIGERIAN EMPLOYEE, MR. SAM IDAH, WAS UNHARMED.

3. BOTH EMBASSY AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION TAKING EXTRA SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN VIEW POSSIBILITY OF DISTURBANCES IN LAGOS TOMORROW FOLLOWING MASS RALLIES TO COMMEMORATE FORMER HEAD OF STATE MUHAMMED. POLICE ARE PUTTING ON ADDITIONAL FORCE IN AREA OF EMBASSY. BOTH MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NIGERIAN POLICE HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY OF TROUBLE TOMORROW AND HAVE PROMISED PROTECTION.

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4. EMBASSY WILL BE CLOSED PUBLIC TOMORROW (IT HAS BEEN

DECLARED DAY OF NATIONAL MOURNING) AND ONLY SKELETON STAFF
WILL BE PRESENT.
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